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If it's June, It Must be Pedal in the Park and Concert!

Please save the Date for June 20, 2013. At 5:30 p.m., I will meet fellow cycling enthusiasts at South Shore Cyclery on Packard Avenue and together pedal down Layton Avenue to Sheridan Park. At 6:00 p.m. we will meet additional interested bicyclists and park supporters to pedal along the wonderful trails of Sheridan, Warnimont and Grant parks. This is an easy 5-mile, family-friendly ride meant to support our trails and call attention to their ongoing maintenance needs. The ride will be followed by a 6:30 concert in Area 1 of Sheridan Park. Once again the Blue Grass All-Stars will feature blue grass in the park, a fan favorite for the last five years. This concert has become the official step-off to Summer in Cudahy. I look forward to meeting all South Shore citizens enjoying our park and trails. Please feel free to participate in any or all of the activities. Note: A special announcement will be made during the intermission. You will not want to miss this.



Parents: Do Your Children Know How to Swim?

The Milwaukee County Parks Department will offer swimming lessons at deep-well pools this summer. This will include Grobschmidt and Sheridan Pools.

The lessons will be offered on Saturdays from June 22 to August 10 from 11:15 a.m. to 12 noon. Registration takes place at the pool where you or your child will swim. You may register on Saturday June 15, from 10 a.m. until the class is filled. The fee is \$38 for eight sessions. Details are posted [here](#).

Swimming is an important skill. I encourage my constituents to take this class if they are not yet confident in their swimming abilities.

HOUSE OF CORRECTION Turned over to Superintendent Michael Haffemann

My newsletter ran consecutive monthly articles in [March](#) and [April](#) on the ploy by Sheriff David Clarke to turn the House of Correction into a county jail and the lawsuit Sheriff Clarke filed to block the county budget initiatives to reintroduce necessary programming, work release, electronic monitoring at the House of Correction and return management to a Superintendent. The Judge ruled against Sheriff Clarke in a Summary Judgment (meaning this case did not even have the validity to go to a factual hearing or

trial).

Both the County Board and the County Executive worked through an expedited Special Meeting of the Board to accomplish this transfer immediately. This was an exercise in good government and showed that government can be expedited when the greater good of the community is at stake. At the last minute, Sheriff Clarke began transfers of staff and equipment and 400 prisoners by bus between the downtown jail and the House of Correction. At least 40 maximum security prisoners were brought to the Franklin lockup making Superintendent Hafemann's job more difficult. The House of Correction is in Franklin. Here is what the Franklin Mayor said about Sheriff Clarke's actions: "I've been in government for a long time, what [Sheriff Clarke] did was unconscionable, totally inappropriate, and one of the worst professional things I've ever seen occur in Milwaukee County government." (<http://www.franklinnow.com/news/police-chief-addresses-concerns-over-service-calls-at-house-of-correction-b9920513z1-209234601.html>)

USING COUNTY FUNDS TO PURCHASE COMMERCIALS

I have submitted a proposal to change the Milwaukee County ethics code to disallow use of county funds by elected officials to purchase television, radio and print commercials. This proposal would apply to all elected officials – including County Supervisors and the County Executive – and does not single out any one individual. I have purposely taken a cautious approach to allow supervisors to fully vet this proposal and have invited other elected officials to offer suggestions. While some constituents may be supportive of a certain “cause”, others may not. This is not a freedom of speech issue, since a change in the ethics code does not muzzle any elected representative who may still freely offer opinions or speech. It does, however, prevent the use of county dollars to purchase commercial time to advance an incumbent's position. It does not apply to a candidate's use of their own campaign contributions; rather, it only would prohibit the use of the people's money.

This newsletter of course offers a platform to inform constituents. While I strive to be factual and inform constituents of county business, it is prepared and edited by my office and distributed monthly via the Internet to constituents who have asked to be included on our list. This newsletter or any similar offerings would not be covered in the ethics proposal since they do not involve commercial purchase of a third-party medium such as a newspaper, radio or television ad.

Many constituents were surprised to learn that “public” service announcements, or PSAs, were not always distributed free of charge. While many PSAs can give good information such as an encouragement to buckle one's seatbelt, these PSAs can also give media time and attention when they highlight the elected official through visual or voice recordings. In our “purple” state, PSAs could also be used by incumbents to be provocative on divisive matters such as “pro-life” issues. While there are some limited prohibitions placed on such incumbent usage in campaign laws, this ethics provision would encourage further protection against the practice of using county funds for commercial messaging by elected incumbents. PSAs can still be used to offer a message about seat belts, for example, but could not feature the elected official giving the message. What do you think?

THANK YOU ALEXIS, HELLO ANDRE

Many of you got to know and appreciate Alexis Gassenhuber, my former research aide. With the significant downsizing of the board budget, I am sorry to lose Alexis who will now be in the clerk's office and will no longer have a full-time Aide. My office will be sharing with other supervisors a new aide, Andre Simms. Andre hopes to be present at our Pedal in the Park event, and I will introduce him at that time. Please be patient with my office as we make the transition and as we learn to do more with less.

Summer Event Calendar

Downtown Trolley

May 23-August 31, Thursdays-Saturdays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. \$1 roundtrip

Downtown Dining Week

June 6-13. Enjoy \$10 lunch and \$20-30 dinners at more than 40 restaurants downtown

Concerts in Milwaukee County Parks:

- Chill on the Hill, Tuesdays 6 p.m.
Humboldt Park, June 4-August 27
- River Rhythms, Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
Pere Marquette Park, June 12-August 30
- Jazz in the Park, Thursdays 6 p.m.
Cathedral Square Park, June 6-September 5

South Milwaukee Farmer's Market

May 23- October 10, Thursdays 3-7 p.m. 11th & Milwaukee Avenues

St. Francis Summer Concerts

7 p.m. Milton Vretrenar Municipal Park,
June 12, 26; July 10, 24; August 7, 21

St. Francis National Night Out

August 7, Milton 7 p.m.

Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi Meet & Greet

3221 South Lake Drive
Saturday, June 1, 10 a.m. - Noon

Community Calendar

Friday, July 26, 9:30-3:00 Kamp Kelly

Fee: \$8/adult; Children Free

Bring your grandchildren, nieces, nephews or cute kid next door to "Kamp Kelly" on the beautiful grounds of the Kelly Center. The day will feature a scavenger hunt, planting flowers, a craft project, lunch, and a magician. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Activities are geared towards kids aged 5-12.

Thursday, June 13 – Grant Park Watch & Friends of Grant Park meeting, 6:30pm

At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. Park Watch: 764-7262.
Friends of Grant Park: 764-0612 www.fogp.org

Saturday, June 1 - East end of Grant Park's Seven Bridges Ravine

"Restore the Slope!" volunteer opportunity, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or as long as you can stay. Join the Friends of Grant Park in planting and seeding eroded slopes with native species near the new ravine bridge adjacent to the lake. Meet at Area 5 Parking lot (overflow lot for 7 Bridges Parking area). Bring gloves, a spade and a trowel if available, and wear sturdy boots/shoes. Weather dependent. Lunch will be available for those who sign up in advance. Please call 414-764-9244 to sign up.

Tuesday, June 11 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm

At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee

Thursday, June 20 – Sheridan Park concert: Bluegrass Allstars, 6:30-8:30pm

Join Cudahy's own Dan Nimphius and friends for virtuoso picking! At Sheridan Park Area 1. Sponsored by Milwaukee County Parks.

Wednesday, June 26 – Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6pm

At Cudahy Family Library, 3500 Library Dr., Cudahy. 414-324-5531

Thursday, June 20 – County Board Meeting, 9:30am

At the Milwaukee County Courthouse Room 200, 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee.

Ongoing Summer Activities:

South Milwaukee Downtown Market, Thursdays, 3-7pm

Including local farmers, restaurants, artisans, music and picnic tables. At 11th and Milwaukee Avenues, downtown South Milwaukee. www.smmarket.org

Outdoor Pools *Regular outdoor pools opening June 15!*

Sheridan Pool 4800 S. Lake Dr, Cudahy, 747-9491

Grobschmidt Pool 2600 16th Av, South Milwaukee, 762-4919

Open Daily, 12:30-4:30 pm, weather permitting

Daily outdoor pool rate: \$1 (Age 3-11), \$2 (Age 12+)

Evening swim:

Sheridan: Mondays & Wednesday, 5:30-7:30pm

Grobschmidt: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30-7:30pm

Evening swim general admission: \$1

Summer outdoor pool passes: available at outdoor pools for \$10 (Age 11 and under) or \$20 (Age 12+) for use at most outdoor pools

FREE Wading Pools *Open daily, weather and attendance permitting*

Pulaski-Cudahy Wader 5400 S. Swift Av, Cudahy

Open June 22-August 25, 1-5 pm

Greene Park Wader 4235 S. Lipton Av, St. Francis

Open June 15-August 18, 1-5 pm

<http://county.milwaukee.gov/Parks>

Pool hotline: (414) 257-7230